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A newsletter for friends and donors of Great Falls Rescue Mission

Fall 2025

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a blessing!



INSIDE: Katrina and Adrian share how your support gives them hope.



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Katrina and Adrian didn't grow up together, but their stories echo each other. Both were raised by relatives as their parents struggled with addiction. And both of their childhoods were marked by instability and a long journey toward healing.

“When I turned 18, I started going the wrong way,” Adrian shares. “A lot of teens get that out of their system when they're younger. I felt like I had to catch up because I missed out.” For Katrina, it was years of alcoholism and feelings of abandonment.

When they met, they were both trapped in addiction and desperate for a way out. Katrina says, “We ended up making choices that were not good for ourselves and our children.” When Adrian went to prison, Katrina felt responsible.

She was determined to change and came to the Mission. “I decided I couldn't live that way anymore,” she says. “My biggest challenge was dealing with my past issues, accepting them and letting them go,” Katrina says.

When Adrian got out of prison, he joined her at the Mission and began facing his pain and rebuilding his life. “Thanks to the Mission, I know which direction I need to go in,” he says.

At the heart of their healing has been a deepening faith in God. “We have to trust in Him,” Katrina says. “God loves us and just wants to see us succeed and prosper.” Adrian, who was baptized at the Mission, adds, “I know God's there.”

“The Mission is helping us get back on our feet, maintain our sobriety and connect with God.” – Katrina

Today, their family is healing. They're learning parenting skills and building a life grounded in faith, structure and hope at the Mission.

Your gifts are bearing fruit in the lives of people like Katrina and Adrian. Now, their hearts are full of hope this fall... thanks to your kindness! “The Mission has been such a blessing,” Katrina says. “I feel that I can achieve any dream or goal as long as I'm dedicated to it.”

Hearts and lives are full... thanks to YOU!



A Message from JIM MCCORMICK

As the seasons change, I'm reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples: **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."** As one of our most devoted "workers," your support and care for our homeless, hungry neighbors is a powerful source of hope. For the people who come to us for help. For our staff... and for me personally!

This month, you have a special opportunity to make a difference for our struggling neighbors. September is Hunger Action Month – and we're inviting you to provide 30 meals over 30 days for our hungry guests. It's a meaningful way you can be a force for change here in North Central Montana.

In September alone, we're preparing to serve 7,333

meals – and more in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Your support will help provide these life-changing meals that fill bellies with nourishment... and fill lives with hope.

Just read how your generous gifts are bearing fruit in Katrina and Adrian's lives, whose story is on Page 3. She is looking forward to a more hope-filled future – because of the dedication of "workers" like you!

Thank you for investing in the lives of more people like Katrina and Adrian during Hunger Action Month and throughout the fall season!

"A Beacon of Hope Since 1963"

Jim McCormick, Executive Director

YOU'RE HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS...

Thanks to friends like you, men, women and children at the Mission believe in themselves and have hope. Your prayers and support help residents in our recovery program look forward to brighter futures.



"Before, I felt hopeless. The Mission helped me find a new path, and I'll always be grateful for their life-changing guidance." – Robert

"Now I can smile, knowing I'm once again a good mother. Thanks to the Mission, I'm finally free from the darkness."

– Indian



Thank you for believing in second chances and making it possible for people to rebuild their lives!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit **greatfallsrescuemission.org**.

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT: HUNGER ACTION MONTH

7,333

Meals Needed by Sept. 30!

September is Hunger Action Month! Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to help even more hungry neighbors we'll welcome this fall.

Sign up to serve a meal

Donate canned goods

Provide groceries

Invite others to join you

For just \$2.49, YOU can provide a nourishing meal to end someone's hunger. Send your gift today OR online at **greatfallsrescuemission.org**.

Scan to take action now!

OUR CURRENT NEEDS

Donate essential items this fall!

Throughout the busy fall season, we'll welcome even more guests than usual here at Great Falls Rescue Mission! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

Our 3 most needed items:

- ☐ Meat: beef, chicken and/or pork
- ☐ Milk
- ☐ Body wash, shampoo & conditioner

Imagine trying to get by even a single day without these essential items! Sadly, the struggling neighbors we serve often arrive at our doors with little but the clothes on their backs.

This fall season, you can give hope and healing by providing for these and other immediate needs of our neighbors.



Visit greatfallsrescuemission.org/NeedsList to see our current needs list.

YOUR GIFT OF TIME

It is only with an army of volunteers that the Mission is able to serve those in need.

We are looking for...

- Godly men and women to share the hope of the gospel in Morning Devotions
- Meal servers at the Cameron Family Center, Men's and Women's Shelters
- Tutors for our young residents who are striving for good grades in school
- Handymen to provide general fix-it assistance throughout our campuses
- Guest assistance in our Cameron Family Center and Men's and Women's Shelters

The best way to start is to sign up for our monthly Volunteer Orientation. You'll receive a volunteer information packet and learn how to serve regularly on your own or with a group.

Ready to get started?

 Visit gfrm.org/volunteer

Or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Lynne Staigmiller

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